



CITY COUNCIL

Public Works Committee

Monday, March 16, 2009
Meeting Report

Committee Members Attending: M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, D. Sterner; S. Fuhs

Others Attending: L. Kelleher; C. Younger, V. Spencer, C. Jones, C. Heminitz

2009 Capital Improvement Program Review

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz asked everyone to review the proposed amendments to the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) enacted in November 2008.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz asked Mr. Jones when the firing range construction will begin on the grounds of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Jones replied that the survey of the property is complete. The required zoning amendment was delayed until the completion of the survey. He stated that Ms. Mayfield should have the draft zoning ordinance completed by the beginning of April.

The following capital projects are planned for 2009

- Guardrail replacement \$230,000 (No reduction)
- Northmont Playground Renovation \$80,000 (Reduced by \$80,000, covered by CDBG)
- Stadium Repairs \$1,300,000 (Reduced by \$25,700,000)
- Penn Room and Council Chambers Webcasting \$50,000 (Reduced by \$200,000)
- Street Sweeper Purchase (Deleted)
- Front End Loader Purchase (Deleted)
- NE Branch Library Repairs \$70,000 (No reduction)
- Right of Way Improvements (Deleted)

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz inquired if the Pagoda roof repair falls under the capital budget or if it will be covered by the City's property insurance. Mr. Jones explained that the roof repairs are not covered in the capital program and the cost for the repairs is less than the deductible with the City's property insurance. Kleckner Roofing was hired to make the repairs as they specialize in slate and terra cotta roof repairs.

Mr. Sterner inquired if the security improvements to City Hall are planned. Mr. Jones stated that the security project was budgeted for 2008 and is scheduled to begin in mid May.

East Ends Lease Agreement

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that at the February meeting Council suggested that the Administration reduce the temporary lease agreement payment from \$1,000 per month to \$750 per month. She also inquired if the tour and inspection of the property has been arranged. Mr. Jones explained that Ms. Heminitz will arrange the tour/inspection. Those touring the facility will include property maintenance, trades and health inspectors, representatives from Public Works and City Council. Mr. Younger stated that East Ends will be approached about the increase in the monthly lease payment. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz and Mr. Sterner suggested that the Administration handle this renegotiation carefully as the City does not want to force East Ends to vacate.

Bernart's Park and Dam Update

The group reviewed the memorandum issued by Attorney Peg Hill announcing the EPA's intent to perform additional soil and ecological testing.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz inquired about the inspection of the dam breast. Mr. Jones stated that the water level in the dam will be lowered to allow for the inspection of the dam breast. He explained that Bernhart's Dam is considered a high priority dam due to the capacity of the lake and the threat it presents to life and property downstream. These arrangements have not yet been made.

Ms. Fuhs requested a copy of the Act 91 regulations regarding dam safety.

Other Business

Copies of the monthly Consent Decree Project report, an article about the City's recycling program authored in part by Mr. Jones in the APWA (American Public Works Association) and the December 2008 Finance Report was distributed.

The Public Works Committee adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

FOLLOW-UP ISSUES

- Zoning Amendment to allow public buildings in areas zoned for Preservation (Legal)
- Audits of all Capital projects underway and completed (Finance & Auditor)
- Tour of East Ends Association
- Renegotiation of East Ends lease agreement
- Testing of Hazel St area & Public Meeting w/ Hazel St residents